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SUBJECT: R/V EASTWARD CLEARANCE REQUEST

REF: RABAT 3623

1. DEPT. HAS CONSULTED WITH DUKE UNIVERSITY REGARDING  
SUBJECT CLEARANCE REQUEST. RESEARCH OFF MOROCCO TURNS OUT  
TO BE VERY LOW PRIORITY AND DR. PILKEY WOULD NOT BE UPSET  
IF CLEARANCE IS DENIED. HOWEVER, GOM RAISES A VERY SERIOUS  
ISSUE AS U.S. FEDERAL AGENCIES SUCH AS NSF WILL NOT ISSUE  
RESEARCH GRANTS UNLESS THE DATA ARE PUBLISHED. BASIC U.S.  
RESEARCH POLICY REQUIRES ALL DATA RESULTS ARE FREELY  
SHARED AND PUBLISHED. SINCE ALMOST ANY TYPE OF RESEARCH  
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RELATED TO RESOURCES, A VERY UNFORTUNATE PRECEDENT COULD  
BE ESTABLISHED IF MOROCCO DENIED CLEARANCE FOR THIS REASON.  
ALL FUTURE RESEARCH PLANNED OFF MOROCCO WOULD BE HELD IN  
SERIOUS DOUBT AND IT MIGHT LEAD TO A CESSATION OF RESEARCH  
OFF MOROCCO IF MOROCCO TAKES THIS POSITION.

2. IN RESPONSE TO CONDITIONS RAISED REFTTEL PARA 1, DEPT.

WOULD SUGGEST FOLLOWING:

(A) DUKE UNIVERSITY WILL ENDEAVOR TO PROVIDE DATA RESULTS

TO GOM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER COMPLETION OF THE CRUISE. ALL DATA AND SAMPLES WILL BE FREELY SHARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR USUAL PRACTICE WHEN CONDUCTING RESEARCH OFF FOREIGN COASTS. AS ALREADY AGREED DUKE UNIVERSITY WILL PROVIDE THREE TRANSLATED COPIES OF ALL REPORTS TO MOROCCO WHICH RESULT FROM RESEARCH

(B) RESEARCH DESCRIBED IN EARLIER NOTES IS FOR PURELY SCIENTIFIC PURPOSE WITH NO INTENT BY DUKE UNIVERSITY OTHER THAN TO BETTER UNDERSTAND GEOLOGIC HISTORY OF REGION. THIS RESEARCH IS BEING CONDUCTED UNDER A RESEARCH GRANT ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION WHICH ATTACHES A CONDITION THAT ALL DATA RESULTS MUST BE PUBLISHED. A RESTRICTION ON FREE DISSEMINATION WOULD RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF THE RESEARCH AND SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE ALL FUTURE RESEARCH OFF MOROCCO. FOR THIS REASON IT IS HOPED THAT GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO WILL UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT FACT THAT THERE ARE NO RESOURCE-RELATED OBJECTIVES OF THIS RESEARCH AND THAT IT IS BEING DONE ONLY FOR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES. NEWSOM

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